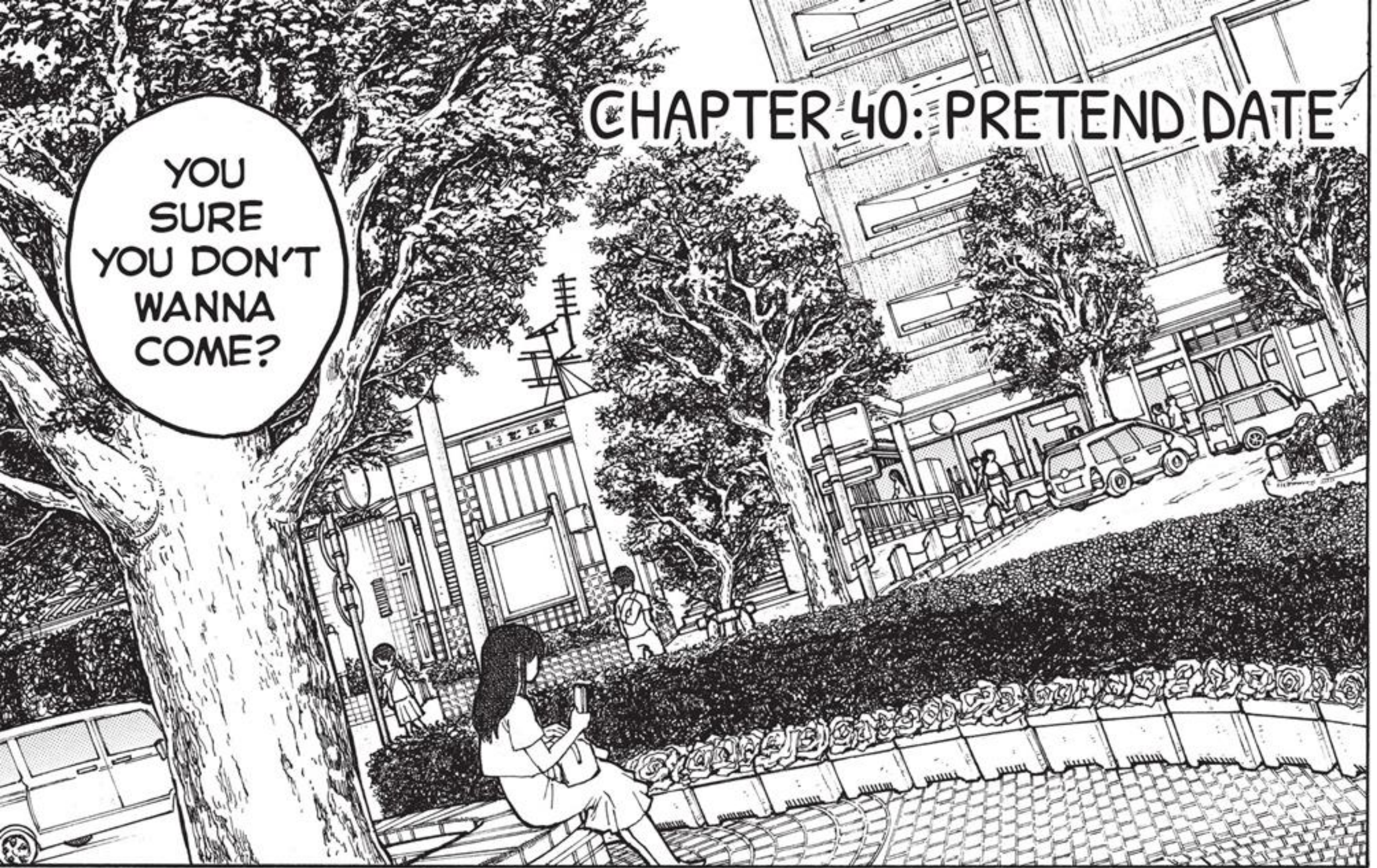


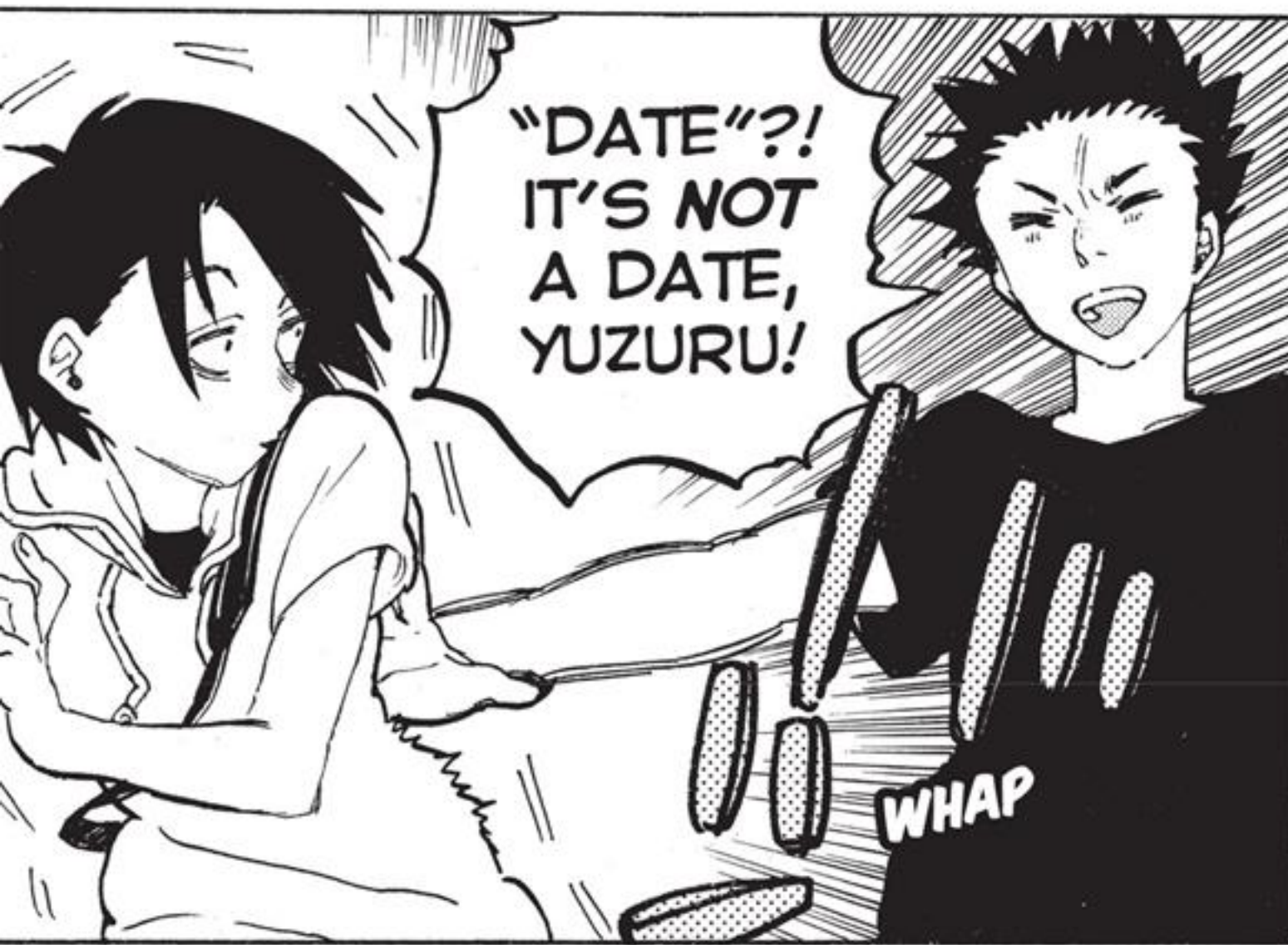
CHAPTER 40: PRETEND DATE

YOU
SURE
YOU DON'T
WANNA
COME?



"DATE"?!
IT'S NOT
A DATE,
YUZURU!

WHAP



SHOYA
...



YEAH.

EVEN I
WOULDN'T
BUTT IN ON
A DATE.

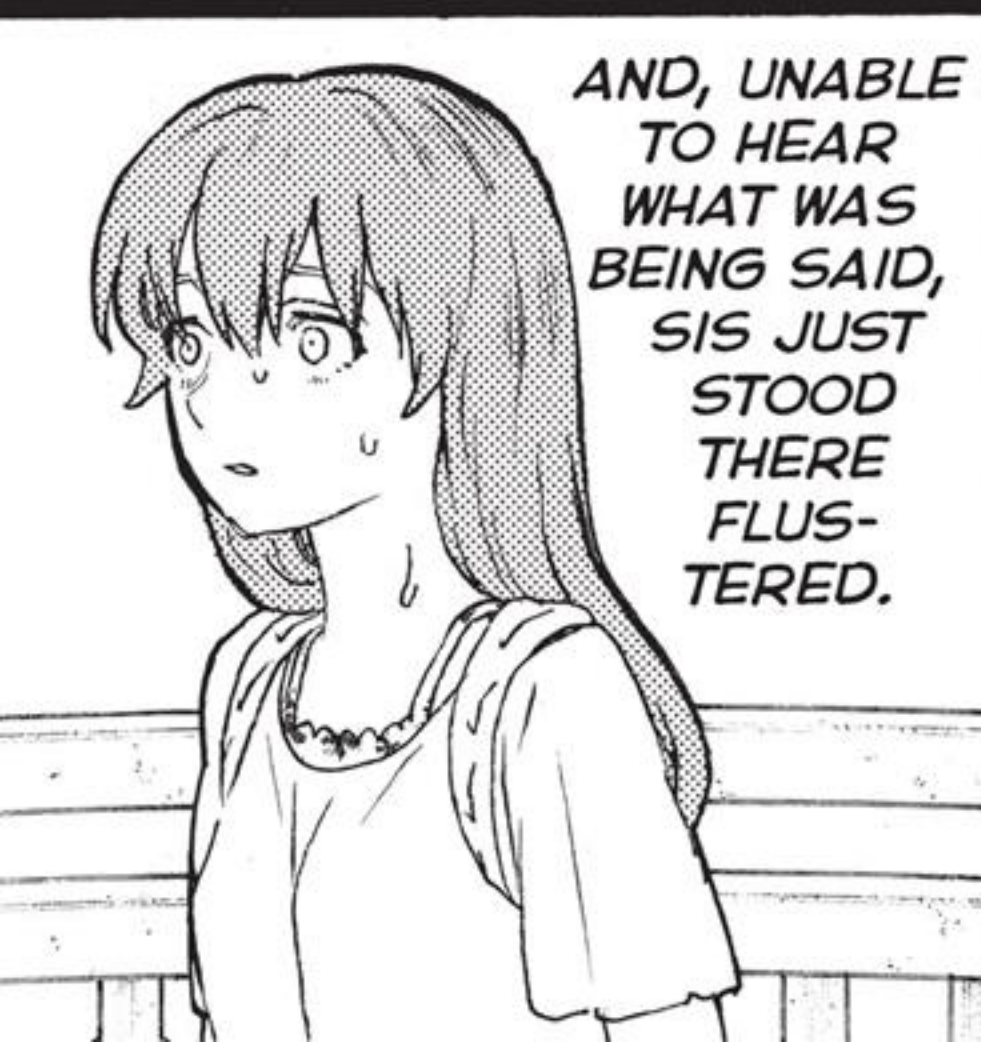






THE WAY I SEE IT, HE RID HIMSELF OF A BUNCH OF ANNOYANCES.

SHOYA DID SOMETHING AWFUL TO HIS FRIENDS.



AND, UNABLE TO HEAR WHAT WAS BEING SAID, SIS JUST STOOD THERE FLUSTERED.

THE TURD-HEAD'S FILM PROJECT WENT UP IN A PUFF OF SMOKE.





BUT I
COULDN'T
SHAKE
HER
OFF...

TO BE
HONEST,
I DIDN'T
WANT TO
TELL
HER...

AFTER-
WARDS,
SHE
ASKED
WHAT
HAPPENED.



WHAT
EVERY-
ONE
SAID
...



...AND WHAT
SHOYA
SAID BACK.



SO I
TOLD
HER.



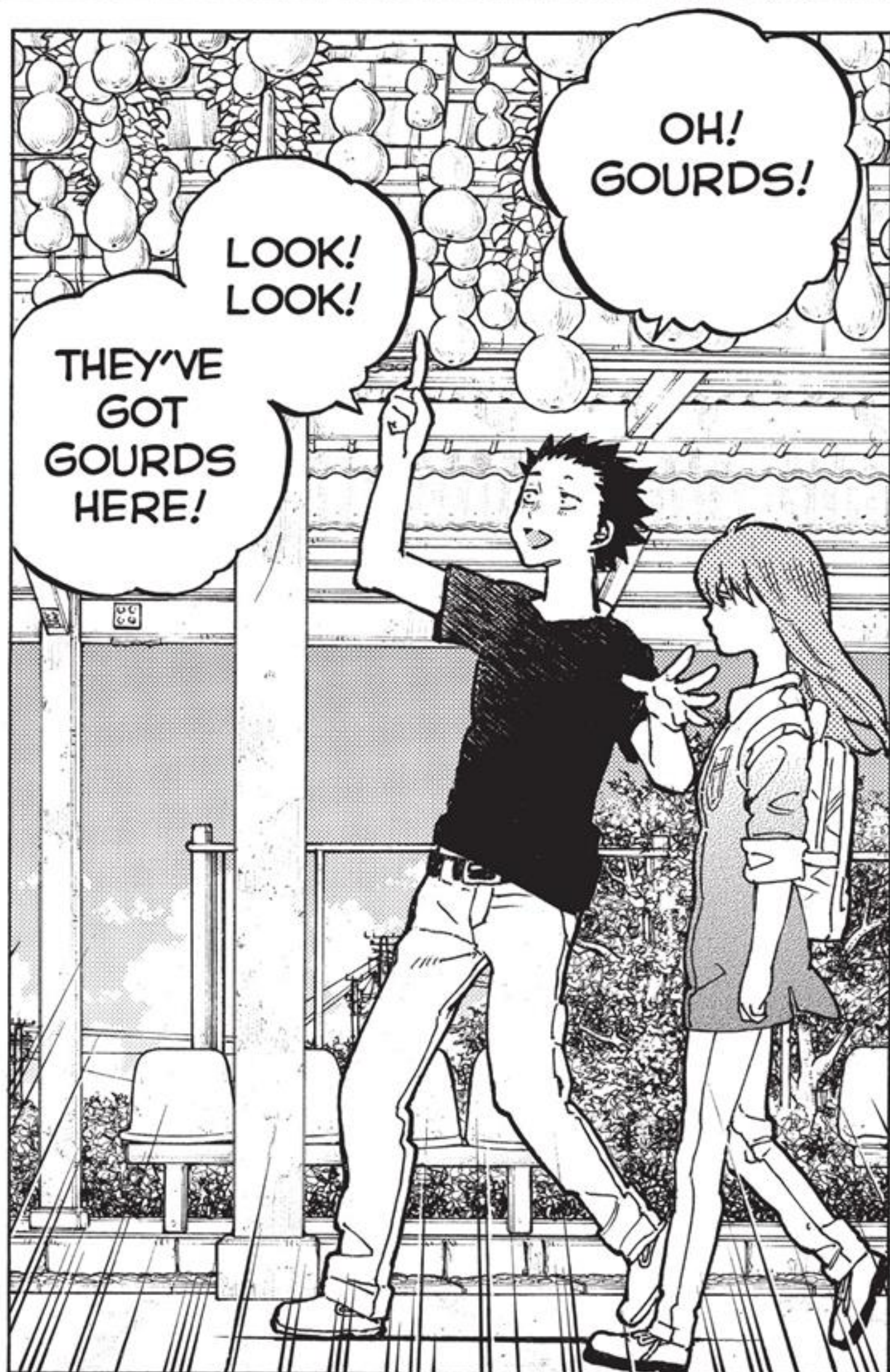
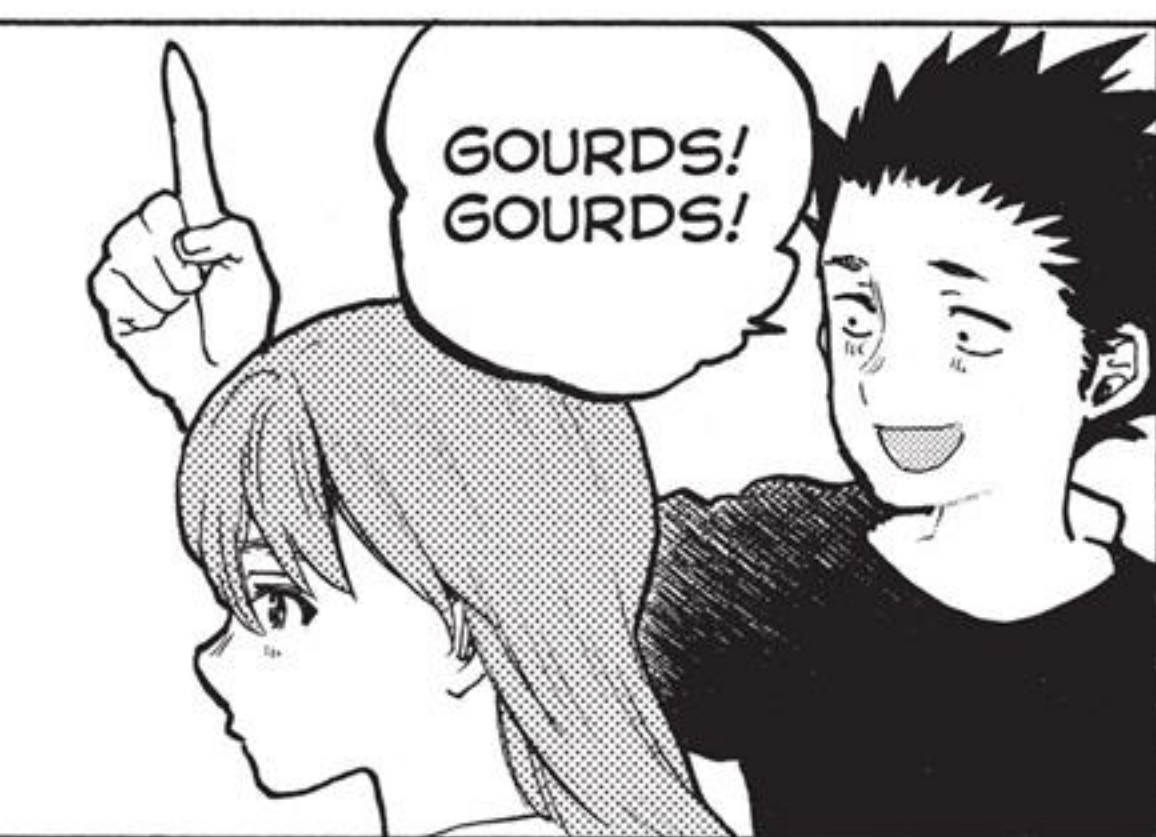
WHEN I
FINISHED,
SHE ONLY
SAID A
SINGLE
WORD-

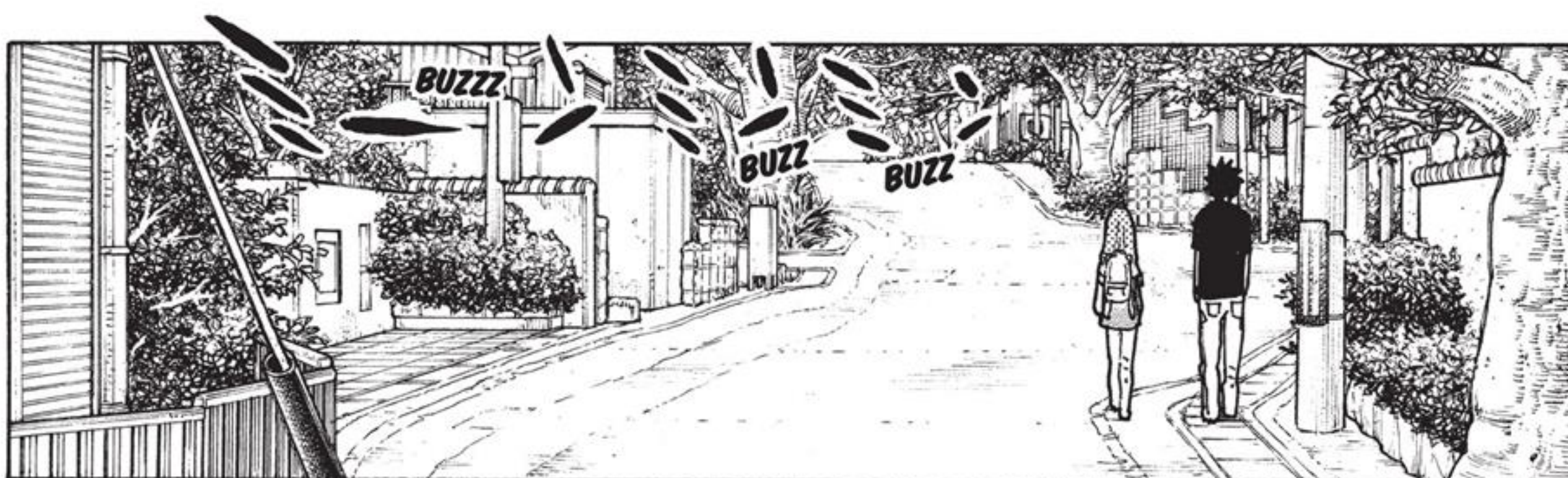
"THANKS"...

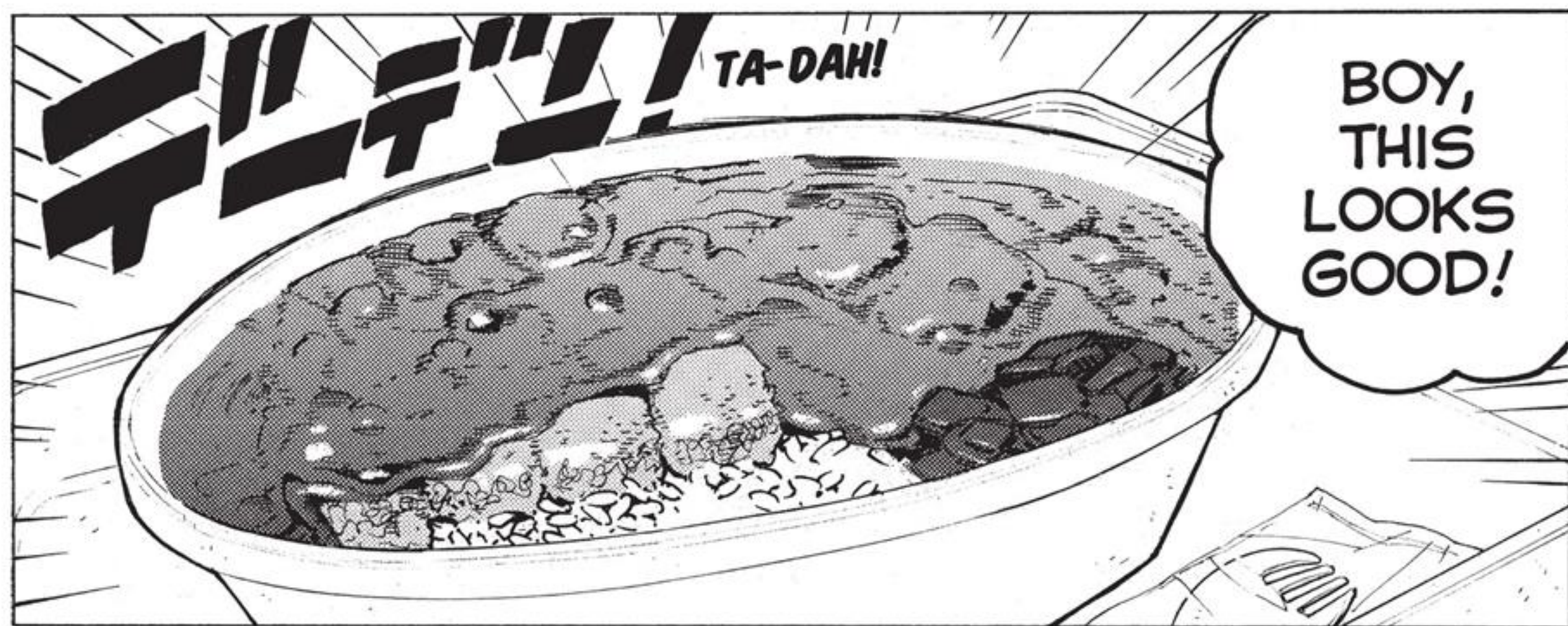
I THINK
SHE HAD
HER
SUSPI-
SIONS.



...WITH A
BLANK
LOOK
ON HER
FACE...



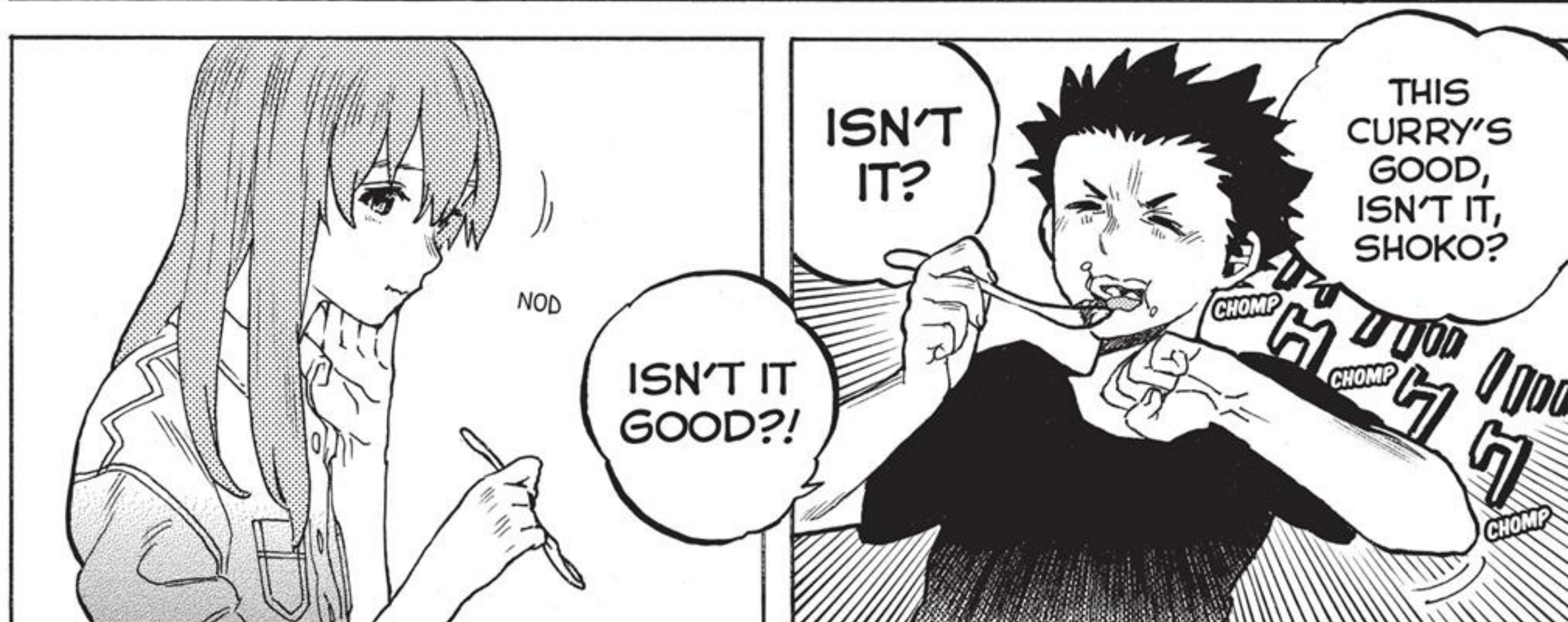






HE'S A
BULLY.

YOU'D
BETTER
STAY AWAY
FROM
SHOYA.



ISN'T IT
GOOD?!

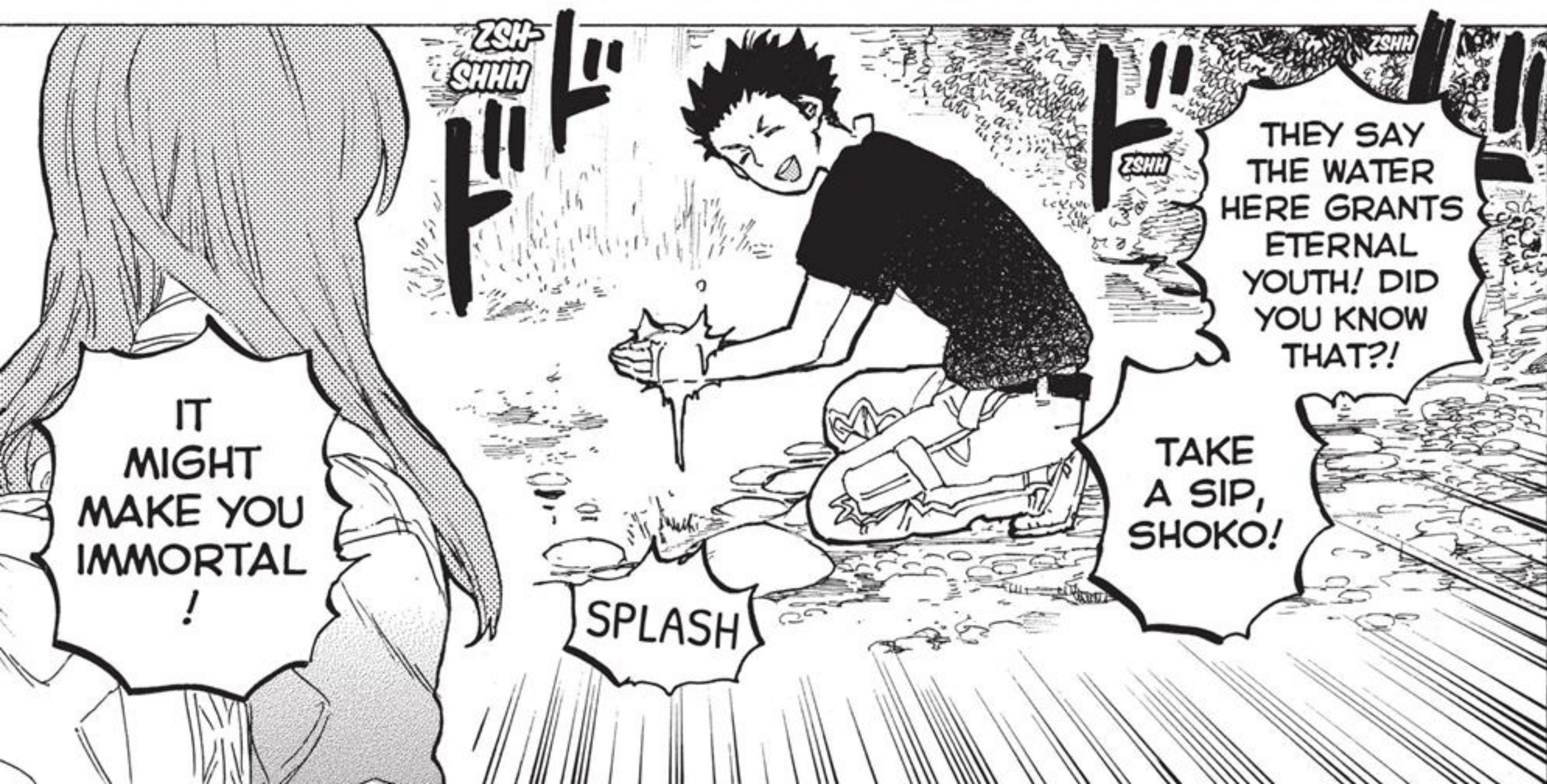
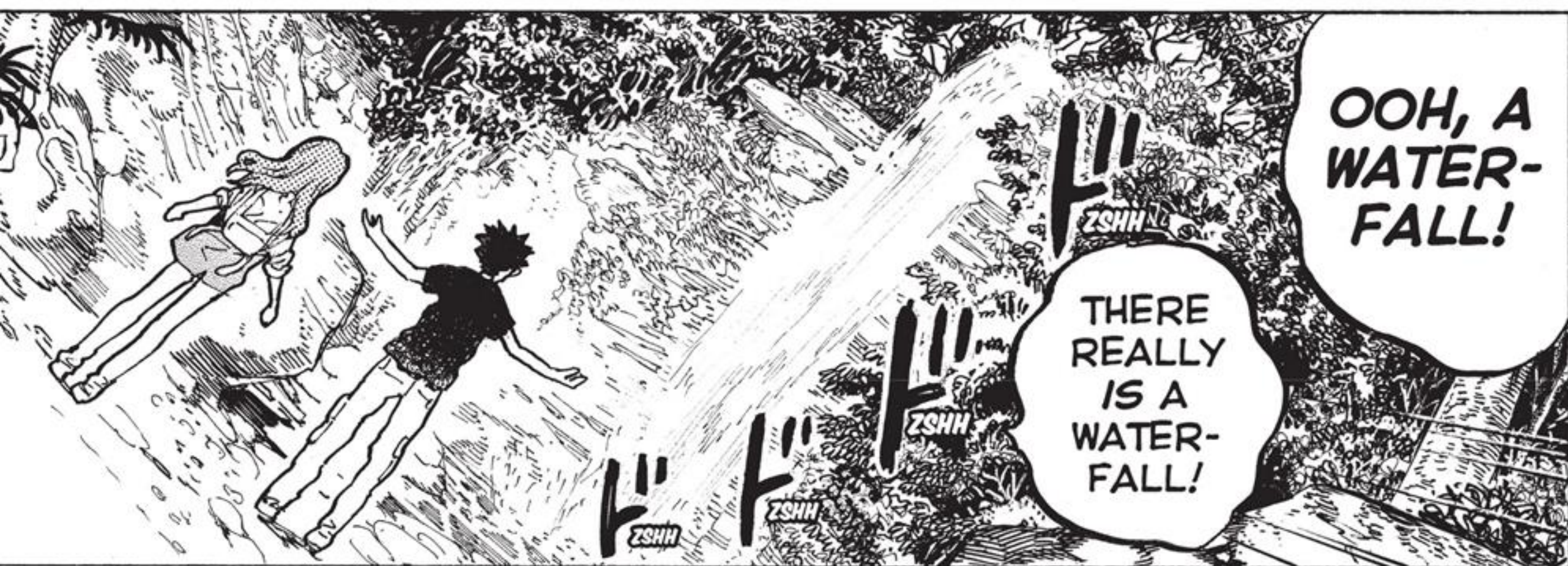
ISN'T
IT?

THIS
CURRY'S
GOOD,
ISN'T IT,
SHOKO?

NOD



RIGHT?
ISN'T IT
GOOD?





HE'S A
BULLY.

YOU'D
BETTER
STAY AWAY
FROM
SHOYA.



NOD



THIS
WATER'S
GOOD,
ISN'T IT,
SHOKO
?

AHHH,
THIS IS
GOOD
!



RIGHT?
ISN'T IT
GOOD?



LET'S
GO OVER
THERE,
SHOKO!

OVER
THERE!



LOOK,
SHOKO!
A
STOVE!

A STOVE!
A STOVE!

ISN'T
THAT
FRIGGIN'
HILARIOUS
?!



IT'S
HUGE!

THIS
PLACE IS
TOTALLY
HUGE, HUH,
SHOKO?



RIGHT?

WOW,
THIS IS
PRETTY
FUN, HUH,
SHOKO?



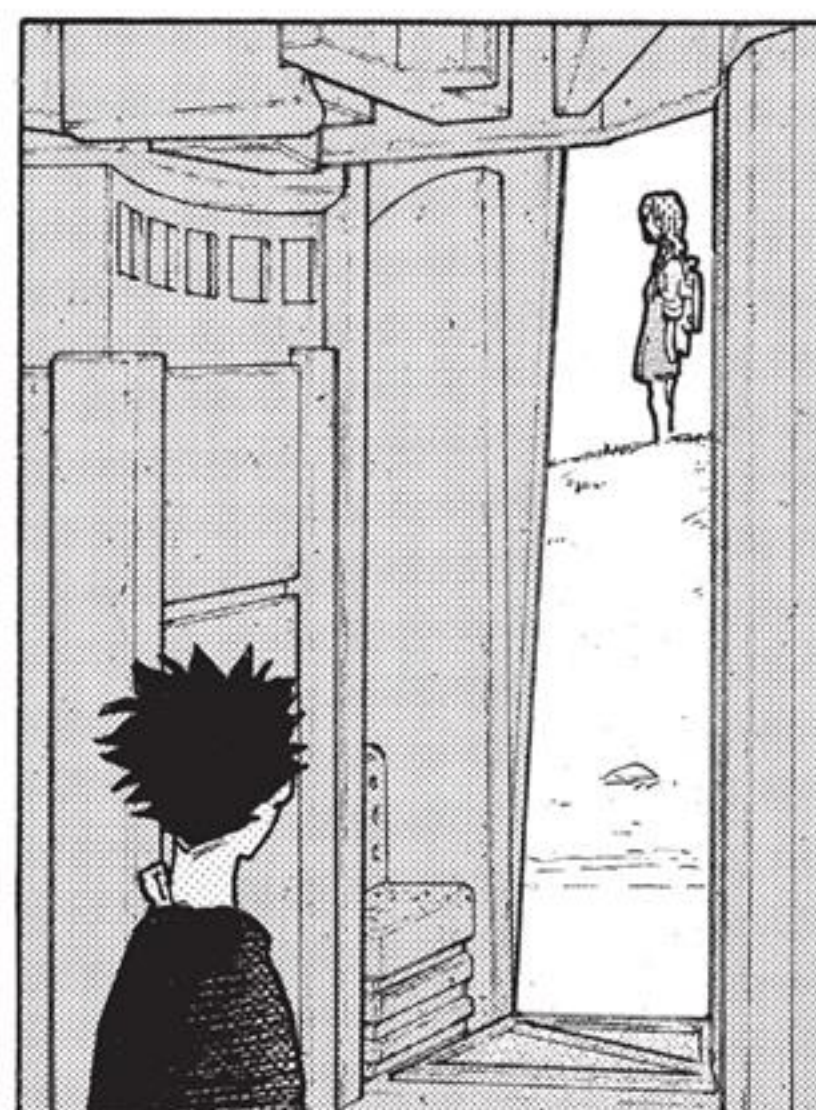
AH, I
GUESS
CALLING
FOR HER
WON'T HELP,
HUH?

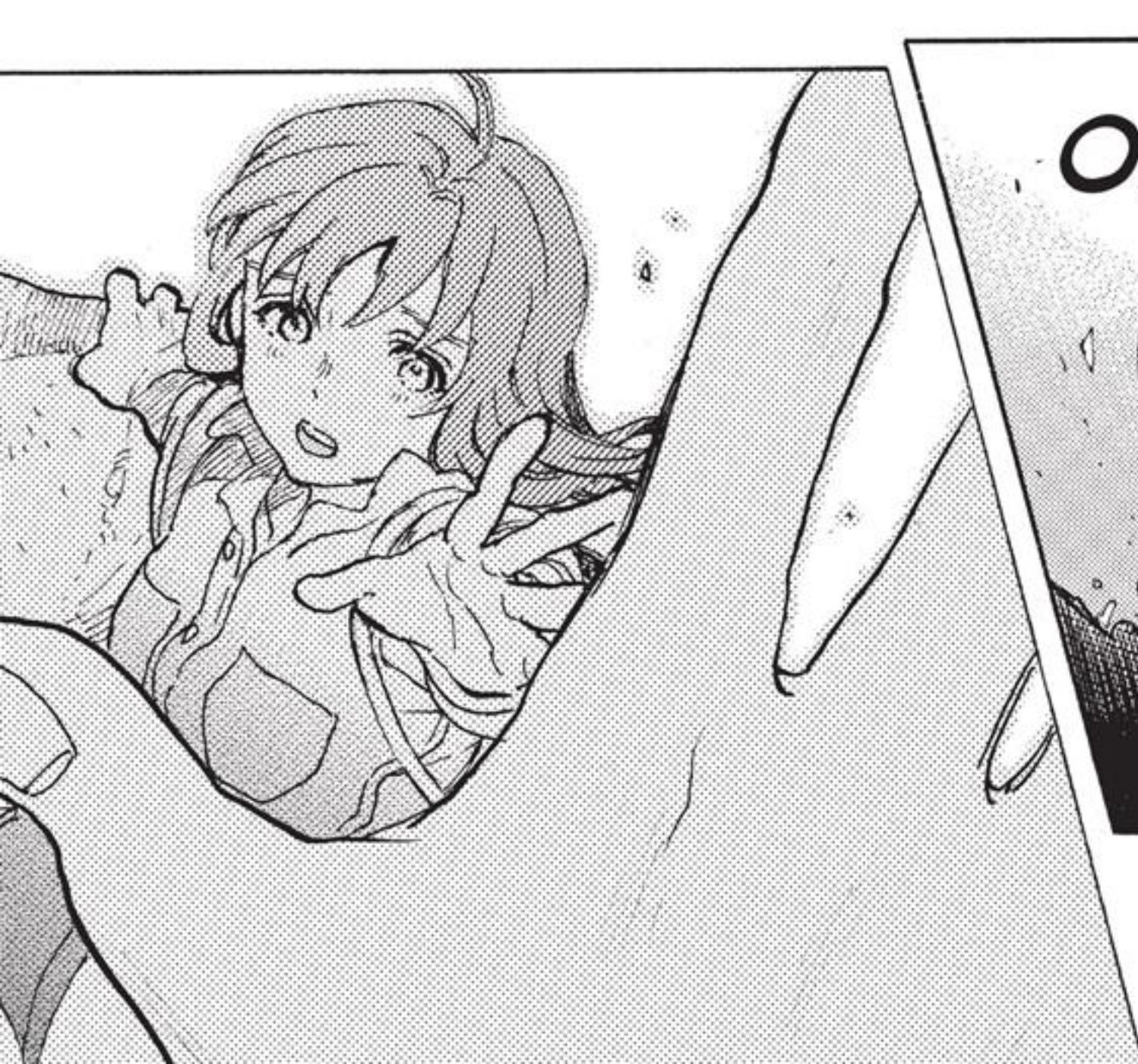


SHOKO
?

HUH?
WHERE'D
SHE GO?







HE'S A
BULLY.

YOU'D
BETTER
STAY AWAY
FROM
SHOYA.

